MINUTES BRUNSWICK EDC 6 JANUARY 2005

Present: Wayne Allgaier, James R. Castle, Judy Cheng, Beth Johnson, June Orrison, Ellis Burris, James Gangawere.

Minutes of November meeting approved. (There was no meeting in December.)

New business activity in town:

- **EBA Sports** to open in January
- **Bill Gilbert** to open new physical therapy practice at shopping center in February.
- Lovely Nails
- Thrift Shop (at Grace Episcopal Church)

"Division of labor" between EDC and Main Street: Final draft approved. See attachment. (Note: This has also been approved by the Main Street Board.)

Welcome Baskets. Beth has been having trouble getting local merchants to contribute fliers, etc., to the basket. She will try again, with plans to distribute more baskets on Feb. 6. Those interested in helping are to meet at City Hall at 2 pm. Check with Beth first.

Event to welcome new move-ins (similar to the one held at Square Corner Park last June) was discussed. The plan is to invite local merchants, as well as other organizations (library, historical commission, city government, etc.) to be there to meet people, have displays, etc. City Park Building suggested. Beth will see if it is available on Feb. 26 (with Feb 19 as a back-up date), from 2-5 pm. Ellis will work with Beth on plans. [Note: the building was *not* available either of these dates, and plans were put on hold. WA]

Monthly Business Breakfasts

- Ann Bass, new Main Street Manager, spoke at our Dec. 2 breakfast.
- Speaker for January: John Lovell, Fred. Co. Commissioner. Date to be determined (Jim Castle will let us know).

Business Recognition Program: Beth has list of businesses. Needs to be up-dated.

Report from Frederick County OED (James Gangawere)

- Thurmont is applying for Main Street. Middletown is backing off.
- Reminder: National Main Street Conference in Baltimore May 9-11.
- Discussed Vacant Commercial Property ordinance, tax credits for fixing up vacant buildings.

Next EDC meeting date: Thursday, Feb 3, 7:30 pm. New chairman to be elected at that meeting.

Wayne Allgaier Chairman, EDC